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BY-LAWS

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District Grand Lodge,

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MASONS,

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

E. R.

Adopted August 20th, 5868.
Confirmed December 10th, 5868.
And approved by the Most Worshipful the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of England, April 6th, 5869.

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PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF B. C.

BY-LAWS.

The District Grand Lodge of the District of British Columbia shall consist of the following Officers, who take rank in the same order as their names are placed:

The Right Worshipful		District Grand Master.
"	"	Past District Grand Masters.
"	"	Deputy " "
"	"	Past Deputy " "
"	"	Grand Wardens.
"	"	Past Grand Wardens.
The Very Worshipful		District Grand Chaplains
"	"	Past " "
"	"	District Grand Treasurer
"	"	Past " "
"	"	District Grand Registrar
"	"	Past " "
"	"	District Grand Secretary
"	"	Past " "

The Worshipful District Grand Deacons.
" Past " "
" District Grand Superintendent of Works.
" Past " " "
" District Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Past " " "
" Assistant " " "
" Past Assistant " "
" District Grand Sword Bearer.
" Past " "
" District Grand Organist.
" Past " "
" District Grand Pursuivant.
" Past " "
" The District Grand Stewards for the Year.

And the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of every Lodge in the District of British Columbia, holding its Warrant from the United Grand Lodge of England.

II.

That all Officers of the District Grand Lodge, and all Masters and Wardens of private Lodges, shall attend when duly summoned by order of the District Grand Master or the Deputy District Grand Master, at such time and place as may be specified; subject to such Fines as are imposed under the *Sixth* By-Law.

III.

That the Officers and Members of the District Grand Lodge shall contribute to the Fund of General Purposes, annually, as follows:

Deputy District Grand Master, $10;

District Grand Wardens, " " Chaplains, " " Treasurer, " " Registrar, " " Secretary.	$7 50 each
District Grand Deacons, " " Superintendent of Works " " Director of Ceremonies " " Assistant Director of Ceremonies, " " Sword Bearer, " " Organist, " " Pursuivant.	$5 each.
And every Member of the District Grand Lodge, (in addition to any Fee of Honor on any office held)	$2 50 each

IV.

The Master of every Lodge in the District who shall fail to attend himself with his Wardens, or being unable himself, who shall neglect to have his Lodge properly represented in the District Grand Lodge shall pay a Fine of *Five Dollars* to the Fund of General Purposes.

V.

All Lodges shall pay to the Fund of General Purposes:

For every subscribing member per annum	$ 1 00
For every newly made Mason.....	5 00
For every old Mason joining.....	2 00
For every Grand Lodge Certificate.....	1 00
For every Dispensation for a Funeral....	5 00
For every other Dispensation.....	15 00
For every Warrant.....	25 00

VI.

The following Fines to the Fund of General Purposes are hereby imposed on all Officers of the District Grand Lodge who shall neglect to attend according to the *Second* By-Law:

Deputy District Grand Master, $10;

District Grand Wardens, " " Chaplains, " " Treasurer, " " Registrar, " " Secretary.	$5 each.
Deacons and all other Officers, Past Grand Officers and Members.	$2 50 each.

VII.

The District Grand Master or his Deputy (if presiding) may remit payment of any Fine imposed under any of these By-Laws, on such excuse being made to him as he shall deem sufficient.

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VIII.

Each Lodge shall semi-annually, on the 30th day of June, and on the 31st day of December, make return to the District Grand Secretary of the names, ages, titles, professions or trades of new Brethern made during the half-year, with the date at which the several Degrees were conferred, and whether by Dispensation or otherwise; also of all joining Members, together with the age, occupation or profession, and the name and number of the Lodge of which they were last members; said return to be accompanied with all monies due the District Grand Lodge, under the *Fifth* Section of these By-Laws.

IX.

The District Grand Registrar is to be appointed annually by the District Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication in March; he must be an actual Master or P. M. of a Lodge. He shall have the custody of the Seals of the District Grand Lodge, and shall affix, or may authorize the District Grand Secretary to affix the same to all Patents, Warrants, Certificates and other documents issued by the authority of the District Grand Lodge, as well as to such as the District Grand Master in conformity with the established Laws and Regulations of the Craft, may direct; he is to superintend the records of the District Grand Lodge, and to take care that the several documents issued are in due form.

X.

The District Grand Secretary is to be appointed annually by the District Grand Master at the

Quarterly Communication in March; he may, under the authority of the District Grand Registrar, affix the Seals of the District Grand Lodge to such Patents, Warrants, Certificates and other documents as shall be specified in any such authority; his duty is to issue summonses for all Meetings of the District Grand Lodge, its Boards and Committees, and attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several Lodges and enter them in the Books of the District Grand Lodge; to transmit to the Lodges the accounts of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communications and all other papers and documents which may be ordered, either by the District Grand Master or the District Grand Lodge; to receive all Petitions, Memorials, &c., and lay them before the District Grand Master or other proper authority; to attend the District Grand Master and take him any books and papers he may direct; and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been done, or ought to be done, by a District Grand Secretary.

XI.

The District Grand Secretary shall be paid a salary of *Seventy-Five Dollars per Quarter* for his services.

XII.

All monies collected under these By-Laws shall be paid to the District Grand Secretary, and by him handed to the District Grand Treasurer, (taking a receipt for the same,) and no money shall be paid for any purpose from the Fund of General Purposes except by vote of the

District Grand Lodge—the District Grand Secretary's salary only excepted.

XIII.

The Meetings of the District Grand Lodge shall be held on the Second Thursday in March, June, September and December, at which none shall be present but the proper members, without the permission of the District Grand Master.

XIV.

The Election of a Treasurer shall take place by ballot at the Quarterly Communication in December, and the Officers shall be installed at the Quarterly Communication in March, which shall be the Annual Meeting.

XV.

The District Grand Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received or disbursed by him, and produce the same whenever required.

XVI.

That during the time of public business, the Rules of Order for the government of the District Grand Lodge shall be as stated on pages 26, 27, and 28 of the Book of Constitutions, (except Article 8, page 27,) and on page 19, Articles 3, 4, 5, and 6.

XVII.

Any Member of the District Grand Lodge intending to make a motion therein, or to submit any matter for its consideration, shall, *at least Fourteen Days* previous to the meeting of the District Grand Lodge, state in writing to the District Grand Secretary the nature of his intended motion or business, which statement the

District Grand Secretary shall submit to the District Grand Master as soon as practicable that he may consult the District Grand Officers with reference to the same previous to the meeting of the District Grand Lodge.

XVIII:

The Master of every Lodge in the District shall, at the Quarterly Communication in March, produce, or cause to be produced, the Minute Book of his Lodge, for the inspection of the District Grand Master.

XIX.

No Motion for a Grant of Money, for a new Law or Regulation, or for the Alteration or Repeal of an old one, shall be made until communicated to the District Grand Secretary *Fourteen clear days* before the Quarterly Communication, nor until it shall have been handed up in writing to the District Grand Master; after having been perused and found by him not to contain anything contrary to the Antient Landmarks of the Order, the motion may be proposed, and, on being seconded, the question shall be put thereon; if carried and confirmed at the next ensuing meeting of the District Grand Lodge, it becomes law, provided that, (if other than a money vote) it be approved by the Most Worshipful The Grand Master.

XX.

The District Grand Master shall only be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, through the Deputy District Grand Master, the District Grand Registrar, or the District Grand Secretary.

XXI.

Should the District Grand Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his District Grand Officers he may submit the cause of complaint to the District Grand Lodge, and should it appear to the majority of the Brethren present that the complaint be well founded, he may dismiss such Grand Officer and nominate another; but no Grand Officer can be removed without the approbation of the District Grand Lodge.

XXII.

There shall be a Masonic Festival annually, at the Quarterly Communication in March, which shall be dedicated to Brotherly Love and Refreshment, and to which all Regular Masons may have access, on providing themselves with tickets from the District Grand Stewards of the Year. No Private Lodge in the District shall have a Masonic Feast on the day of the District Grand Festival.

XXIII.

Any District Grand Officer neglecting to pay any Fees or Fines which may be incurred under any of these By-Laws, his Office may be declared vacant, and any Rank or Distinction acquired in consequence of his appointment forfeited.

Adopted August 20th, 5868.

Confirmed December 10th, 5868.

ROBERT PLUMMER, JR.,
District Grand Secretary.

The fore-going By-Laws appear to contain nothing contrary to the Constitutions of the Fraternity and are therefore approved.

JOHN HERVEY,
Grand Secretary.

Freemason's Hall,
London, 6th April, 1869.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF B. C.

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

No. of Lodge		Address.
	The Right Worshipful Robert Burnaby, Esquire, District Grand Master, by Patent from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, dated September 10th, 5867	Victoria B C
899	The Right Worshipful Henry Holbrook, Esquire, Deputy District Grand Master, by Patent from the Right Worshipful District Grand Master dated March 14th, 5868	New Westminster B C
	[*The following Officers were Installed and Retired, March 10th*, 1869.]	
783	Right Worshipful Joseph J. Southgate, Senior Grand Warden	Victoria B C
1187, 783, 1090	Right Worshipful William Clarke, Junior Grand Warden	Victoria & Nanaimo
783	Right Worshipful John F. McCreight, Past Senior Grand Warden	Victoria B C
899	Right Worshipful Henry Wm. Smith, Past Junior Grand Warden	New Westminster B C
1187	Very Worshipful Rev. Francis B. Gribbell, M. A., Grand Chaplain	Victoria BC
783	Very Worshipful Godfrey Brown, Grand Treasurer	"
783	Very Worshipful George Pearkes, Grand Registrar	"
783	Very Worshipful Robert Plummer, Jun. Grand Secretary	"
899	Worshipful John S. Clute, Senior Grand Deacon	New Westminster B C
1187, 783	Worshipful Henry Nathan, Jun., Junior Grand Deacon	Victoria BC
783	Worshipful Richard Lewis, Grand Superintendent of Works	"
783	Worshipful Joseph Blackbourn, Grand Director of Ceremonies	"
783	Worshipful Lumley Franklin, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies	"

No. of Lodge.		Address.
1187 } 783 }	Worshipful Eli Harrison, Grand Sword Bearer	Victoria B C
783	Worshipful William Beck, Past Grand Sword Bearer	"
783	Worshipful William Thomas Leigh, Grand Organist	"
783	Worshipful Samuel L. Kelly, Grand Pursuivant	"
1090	Worshipful Charles A. Allport, Grand Steward	Nanaimo
1187	Worshipful George Creighton, Grand Steward	Victoria B C
783	Worshipful William Henry Thain, Grand Tyler	"

R. PLUMMER, JR., D. G. S.

Lodges in British Columbia holding Warrants from the Grand Lodge of England.

No. of Lodge.	District No. of Lodge.	Date of Warrant.	Lodge Name	Place of Meeting.	Date of Meeting.
783	1	March 19, 5859.	Victoria.	Victoria, V. I	First Thursday
899	2	December 16, 5861	Union.	New Westminster, B. C	First Thursday
1090	3	January 16, 5866.	Nanaimo	Nanaimo, V. I	First Wednesday
1187	4	July 26, 5867.	British Columbia	Victoria, V. I	First Tuesday

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